

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HUGHES SPRINGS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

November 11, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Van Hall, Presiding

Members Present

Phillip Chapman	Van Hall
Billy Willis	Robert Johnson
DeAnna Putman	Matt Golden

Members Absent

Scott Nelson

School Personnel Present

Sarah Dildine, Superintendent

Guests

(See attached list)

1. OPENING ACTIVITIES:

1.1 CALL to Order/Declaration of Quorum by President Van Hall *{Gov't Code 551.001 (6), 311.013 (b)}*

1.2 INVOCATION given by Robert Johnson; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Billy Willis

1.3 PUBLIC COMMENT Mariah McKinney, Julie Glass, & Brenda Fincher spoke on behalf of the elementary against parents, grandparents, etc. of eating lunch with their child at any time. Patricia Moore spoke on behalf of parents, grandparents, etc. in favor of eating lunch with their child at any time. *{HSISD Policy BED}*

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

2.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Minutes of Meeting on October 09, 2023

On motion by Billy Willis and seconded by Robert Johnson, it was moved to approve the minutes on October 09, 2023, approved by a 6 to 0 vote. Scott Nelson abstained from the vote, as he was absent last month.

2.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve Budget Amendments

We had one amendment, we had to record the 4 new copier leases in the budget, with a total amount of \$73,716.20.

3. AGENDA ITEMS:

{HSISD Policy BE; BEC; BED};

3.1 CONSIDERATION to Approve Annual Review of Local Policies/ CDA, CQ, DBB, DEE, DMA, FDA, FFA, FFAF, FFG

{HSISD Policy CCH}

On motion by Robert Johnson and seconded by Scott Nelson, it was moved to approve the Annual Review of Local Policies CDA (Investments), CQ (Technology/AUP), DBB (Communicable Diseases), DEE (Expense Reimbursement), DMA (Professional Development), FDA (Transfer Students), FFA (Student Wellness), FFAF (Care Plans), FFG (Child Abuse). Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. We are required to review these policies once every year. At this time, no changes are recommended.

3.2 CONSIDERATION to Approve CCAD Board of Directors *[HSISD Policy CH Series, Education Code]*

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Phillip Chapman, it was approved and HSISD casts all 433 of our votes for Joe Vance Smith. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

3.3 CONSIDERATION to Approve MCAD Board of Directors *[HSISD Policy CH Series, Education Code]*

On motion by Billy Willis, seconded by Scott Nelson, it was approved and HSISD casts their votes as follows: 50 votes for Danny Lilly, 50 votes for Randy Sutton, & 55 votes for Jim Goodman. Motion carried on a 6 to 0 vote. Matt Golden abstained from the vote.

3.4 CONSIDERATION to Approve Invoice from Region VIII ESC for Services
{HSISD Policy CH Series; Education Code 44.031}

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to approve the invoice from Region VII ESC for the 2023-2024 school year. The amount of \$85,551.52. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.

3.5 CONSIDERATION to Approve Chaplain Volunteers
{HSISD Policy BE}

On motion by Phillip Chapman, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to approve the resolution. This resolution was required due to a new resolution. HSISD has opted to accept chaplains as volunteers. This would be done in the event of an emergency/crisis where we would need additional people to counsel or speak with students. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

3.6 CONSIDERATION to Approve District & Campus Improvement Plans *{HSISD Policy BE}*

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Deanna Putman, it was moved to approve this is required annually. The plans can be found on our website page under each campus page. Motion carried 7 to 0 vote.

3.7 CONSIDERATION to Approve Tax Roll and Levy Resolution for Cass County
{HSISD Policy CCG; Property Tax Code Section 26.09(e)}

On motion by Robert Johnson, seconded by Billy Willis, it was moved to approve, this is required to be done annually. The tax Levy for Cass County is \$1,931,877.59. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**, as authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 through 551.146, shall be declared by the Board of Trustees when necessary, during the course of the meeting at the time, date and place of this notice. The Board may close this meeting to consult with its attorney on any item posted on this agenda in order to receive legal advice or to maintain the attorney-client privilege. The Board may also close the meeting to consult with its attorney on any other matter when the attorney's professional and ethical duty to the Board requires a confidential communication.

There was a Closed Session begin time 6:40pm to 7:47pm. There was no action out of closed session.

4.1 **PERSONNEL:**

{HSISD Policy DC}

Consider Employment, Resignations, Reassignments, Transfers, Substitute Teacher List, Extended Leaves, Additional Positions, and Other Personnel Matters.

4.2 **CONSULTATION** with Attorney {when necessary} *No consultation.*

Gov't Code §551.071

5. **RECONVENE**

Open meeting to vote on matters considered in executive/closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, to take action necessary regarding any items listed above.

1.1 **PERSONNEL (No Action taken in Open Meeting)**

1.2 **CONSULTATION** with Attorney {when necessary}

6. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

{HSISD Policy BE and BJA}

6.1 **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Sarah Dildine gave the Board information on the following subjects:

- Enrollment was 1,118 as of last Friday.
- The boys' basketball game in Fouke, Arkansas was moved from November 21 to November 20
- Staff Christmas Reception will be December 8th, you will receive a reminder closer to the actual date.
- Board Training on December 7th at Region VIII, everyone is registered to attend.
- Thanksgiving Break is next week.
- Early release from school this coming Friday November 17

- HSISD Annual Basketball Tournament is the week we get back from Thanksgiving break.
- UIL Academic for Junior High & Elementary are also after our Thanksgiving break.
- HSISD was just allotted \$287,506 through the SAFE Grant, we will apply and use that funding for additional security measures and upgrades.
- Information was presented from Perdue Brandon Law Firm and that Jalyn strategically put together regarding delinquent tax collections. Our District should take into consideration in switching laws firms who handle the collections. There will be more information on the December agenda.
- Information was presented regarding investment for the district, so the district can take advantage of some of the current 5+% CD and investment rates. We will be moving an additional \$450,000 to the Lone Star Investment Pool, that is currently paying around 5.3%. We will move the money before Thanksgiving Break. We will have more information on the December agenda regarding some additional investments that will be made by the district to take advantage of the high interest rates.

7.2 Business Manager's Report as of October 31, 2023

Business Manager Jalyn Setser briefed the board on the current financial report.

1. Financial Summary

- a. General Funds
 - i. Revenue - \$3,142,080 (Estimated Revenue - \$14.38 million)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$2,323,841 (Budget - \$14.38 million)
- b. Food Service
 - i. Revenue - \$145,136 (Estimated Revenue - \$641k)
 - ii. Expenditures - \$105,873 (Budget - \$641k)

2. Monthly TEA Foundation Payments

- a. Oct 2023 payment – \$1,050,830
- b. Nov 2023 payment - \$1,044,649

3. Tax Collections (2022 Tax Year)

- a. Cass County - \$253,638 (2023 Levy – \$1.93 million)
- b. Morris County - \$0 (2023 Levy – \$491k)

4. Investment Accounts

- a. Certificates of Deposit (THNB) – \$3.83 million
- b. Checking (THNB) - \$0k
- c. Lone Star Investment Pool - \$69k

5. Cash Position

- a. Bank Accounts - \$5.706 million
- b. Investments - \$3.899 million
- c. Total - \$9.605 million

6. AUDITED Fund Balance as of August 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED ESTIMATE)

- a. Unassigned - \$4,983,504
- b. Non-spendable for Inventory - \$36,381
- c. Other Restricted - \$0
- d. Committed for Construction - \$2,500,000
- e. Committed for Capital Expenditures for Equipment - \$850,000
- f. Committed for Self Insurance - \$25,675
- g. Other Committed - \$1,167,000
- h. Total - \$9,562,560

7. CLOSING ACTIVITIES**7.1 Questions asked of and by Board Members***{HSISD Policy BE}*

Board was reminded of scheduled board training at Region VIII on December 7.

7.2 Adjournment

On motion by Scott Nelson, seconded by Matt Golden, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 7 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Van Hall, President

Phillip Chapman, Secretary

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